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### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1963.

Chairman:

Alderman D.J. BROMBY.

Vice-Chairman:

Alderman H.P. FLYNN.

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### OFFICIALS OF THE CORPORATION

Town Clerk: ERNEST BAILEY, Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley.

Borough Treasurer: H. COLLIER, F.I.M.T.A., Municipal Offices,  
Lairgate, Beverley.

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer:

W. FERGUSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Divisional Health Office,  
Lord Roberts Road, Beverley.

Chief Public Health Inspector: T.B. HOOD, M.A.P.H.I.,  
Municipal Offices, Lairgate, Beverley.

Public Health Inspector: P. WADEMAN, M.A.P.H.I., Municipal Offices,  
Lairgate, Beverley.

Clerical Staff: J.A.H. WADDELL, Chief Clerk, Divisional Health Office,  
Mrs. D. MILLER, Miss T. FOX.

BEVERLEY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR 1963

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Beverley Borough Council,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health for 1963.

VITAL STATISTICS

The principal causes of death were heart disease and vascular lesions of the central nervous system. These together account for approximately 50% of the total deaths. The other main causes of death were various types of cancer which total 36, of these 13 were due to cancer of the lungs and bronchus.

The infant mortality rate has risen from 11.28 in 1962 to 26.4 per 1,000 live births, but as the number of deaths, namely 8, is relatively small, the figures are of no statistical significance.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles has accounted for 302 out of 316 cases of infectious diseases notified, the remaining two groups being scarlet fever and whooping cough.

Outbreaks of measles continue to occur bi-annually but, while the disease is relatively mild, it tends to upset the school attendance figures as so many of the infant group of school children are affected.

A vaccine against measles has now been prepared, but it is not likely to be in general use until the results of the various trials now being carried out are known.

New cases of tuberculosis now tend to occur in the adult age group of the population; a total of 12 new cases came to light. These have been mainly confined to two particular districts in the town, and every effort has been made to follow up all contacts, who are given every opportunity of attending the Chest Clinic for clinical examination and X-ray. In addition, the Mass Radiography Unit holds annual sessions in the town, at which any member of the public can be X-rayed.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Some details of the general provision of Health Services in the area, including attendances at the various Infant Welfare Centres in the district, are set out in the report. Attendances at most of the Clinics continue to increase, despite the provisions of a comprehensive Health Service; every opportunity is taken at these sessions to give health education talks.

## WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Beverley obtains its water supply from the Hull Corporation and samples of water are taken at regular intervals for bacteriological and chemical analyses. The supply has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity and all 16 samples taken during the year were highly satisfactory.

Certain further administrative steps towards a proposed new sewerage Scheme for the town were taken but until this scheme is completed, sewerage disposal facilities in Beverley will not be entirely satisfactory due to the large volume of effluent which has to be dealt with.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

The detailed particulars under Part I, and Part VIII of the Factories Act which are administered by the Council are set out on page 13 of the report.

There are 70 power factories and three non-power factories in the town and all the sanitary conveniences in these premises were inspected.

There are no known out-workers employed in the town.

## FOOD HYGIENE

In December the attention of all shopkeepers in the town was drawn to the need for satisfactory hygienic precautions in all food shops. Special reference was made at that time to the handling of cooked meat, which is always a potential source of infection, if carelessly handled, or not properly stored. The co-operation of all owners and managers was requested to ensure that their assistants do not handle cooked meat but use tongs or other suitable means provided for the purpose. If the shopping public would at all times insist on food being properly wrapped and handled the shopkeeper would readily fall into line with their requirements, and the job of the Health Department in ensuring adequate food hygiene would be made much easier. Recent events have underlined the importance of these precautions as an essential Public Health measure.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The water in the Public Baths comes from the main supply from Hull Corporation and is filtered and chlorinated. The clarity and cleanliness of the bath water has been adequately maintained, and routine bacteriological testing carried out during the bathing season has given satisfactory results.

Attendances continue to increase and for the second year the baths were kept open for the winter season, a total of 48,707 bathers used them, among which were 23,338 school children. These figures are a substantial increase from the previous year, which shows that despite the limited dressing accommodation available in the present building the facilities provided continue to be fully appreciated by the swimming public.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are two registered Common Lodging Houses in Beverley, one of which is kept in a very satisfactory state of cleanliness. The second one, however, is not so satisfactory and frequent visits are required to maintain even a minimum standard of general hygiene. Regular visiting has improved the premises to some extent but, in order to maintain control, the Council have renewed the Keepers licence for relatively short periods.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman, the Chief Public Health Inspector and all Members and Officials of the Council for their continued co-operation and assistance during the year.

I am, Your obedient servant,

W. FERGUSON.

Medical Officer of Health

## STATISTICAL MEMORANDA

BOROUGH.....	Borough of Beverley
Population (estimated mid-1963).....	16,290
Number of inhabited houses.....	5,305
Rateable Value.....	£500,984
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....	£1,960
Total Births.....	303
Birth Rate.....	18 .79
Total Deaths.....	185
Death-rate.....	11.81
Deaths of infants under one year of age.....	8
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births).....	26.40
Number of Illegitimate Births.....	9
Number of Still Births.....	5

### VITAL STATISTICS

**Population.** The Registrar General has estimated that the population at mid-1963 was 16,290 ,280 more than in the previous year.

**Births.** The total of 303 live births registered in the Borough during the year was 37 more than in the previous year and the birth-rate was 18.79 per 1,000 residents per annum, an increase of 2.18. Of the births 153 were males and 150 were females. There were 9 illegitimate births, 4 males and 5 females.

**Still Births.** Five still births, all females, were registered in 1963. There were 2 in the previous year.

**Deaths.** There were 185 deaths, 94 males and 91 females, and this total is 9 less than in 1962. The corrected death-rate was 11.81 a decrease of 0.19 per 1,000 residents per annum.

**Infant Mortality.** The infant mortality rate was 26.40 per 1,000 live births, compared with 11.28 in 1962. There were 8 infant deaths, 6 males and 2 females, whereas in the previous year there were 3, 2 males and 1 female.

**Tuberculosis Deaths.** There were no deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.



Table showing Age Distribution of Infantile Deaths

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total under 1 year
Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Congenital malformation, birth injury etc.	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital diseases ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases.....	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Accident.....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS.....	1	2	3	-	6	2	-	-	-	8

Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
DEATHS		
1963	12.2	11.81
1962	11.9	12.0
1961	12.0	11.09
1960	11.5	9.64
1959	11.6	10.14
LIVE BIRTHS		
1963	18.2	18.79
1962	18.0	16.61
1961	17.4	16.55
1960	17.1	17.0
1959	16.5	16.32
STILL BIRTHS (per 1,000 live births)		
1963	17.3	16.23
1962	18.1	7.52
1961	18.7	14.98
1960	19.7	14.65
1959	20.7	3.85

NOTE: The rates are per 1,000 Home Population which includes service personnel.

## Principal Causes of Death

CAUSES OF DEATH	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	-	-	-
2. Other forms of tuberculosis	-	1	1
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm of stomach	4	1	5
11. Malignant neoplasm of lungs and bronchus	11	2	13
12. Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	12	15
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	14	25
18. Coronary disease and angina	21	12	33
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
20. Other heart diseases	10	15	25
21. Other circulatory diseases	6	4	10
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	2	4	6
24. Bronchitis	6	6	12
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	1	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	2	2	4
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	9	19
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
34. All other accidents	3	3	6
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL, all causes	94	91	185

## Age distribution of Deaths.

Age at Death	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Under 1 year.....	3	7	4	3	8
1 - 5 years.....	1	1	2	2	1
6 - 15 years.....	-	-	2	5	-
16 - 25 years.....	-	1	2	1	3
26 - 45 years.....	6	6	4	5	3
46 - 65 years.....	41	34	40	38	47
66 years and over...	110	109	124	140	123
Total	161	158	178	194	185

## Deaths under 1 year

## RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

Year	England and Wales	Beverley Borough
1963	20.9	26.40
1962	21.4	11.28
1961	21.4	15.21
1960	23.2	25.64
1959	22.0	11.58

## Immunisations during 1963

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

	Primary Injections		Boosting Doses
	Under 5	5 - 14	
(a) against diphtheria only	4	9	182
(b) against diphtheria and whooping cough	-	-	-
(c) against whooping cough only	3	-	-
(d) against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus	258	2	58
(e) against tetanus only	9	71	12
(f) against diphtheria and tetanus	8	14	45

## Vaccinations against Smallpox

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	52	1	1	5	7	66
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	3	8	36	47

Distribution of Infectious Diseases by Age Groups

DISEASE	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	3 - 4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	65 years and over	Age unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	7
Acute Poliomyelitis											
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	10	71	100	115	2	1	3	-	-	-	302
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid											
Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	10	73	103	122	4	1	3	-	-	-	316

The Incidence of Infectious Diseases during the Past 5 Years

DISEASE	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Scarlet Fever	10	4	14	8	7
Whooping Cough	-	47	-	-	7
Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	283	3	431	10	302
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	7	2	-
Dysentery	2	1	58	5	-
Food Poisoning	10	-	-	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	16	11	2	4	-
Enteric or Typhoid					
Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia					
Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	321	68	513	31	316

## TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 12 new cases were notified or came to notice, and the following table shows the additions to and removals from the Register during the year:-

	Males		Females		Total
	P.	N.P.	P.	N.P.	
Number of cases on Register at 31st December, 1962	61	8	46	26	141
Cases added to register:-					
(a) Notified for the first time	2	1	3	3	9
(b) Brought to notice otherwise than by formal notification	2	-	1	-	3
Removed from Register on account of death, change of address, etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases remaining on Register at 31st December, 1963	65	9	50	29	153

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

**Laboratory Facilities.** Specimens for pathological examination were sent to the Laboratory at the Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and the Public Health Laboratory in Hull.

Bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water and ice-cream were carried out by the Public Laboratory in Hull.

**Ambulance Facilities.** The conveyance of all cases (including infectious disease) is the responsibility of the County Council as the Local Health Authority.

**Clinics. Tuberculosis.** A Clinic was held each Thursday at the Chest Clinic, Westwood Hospital, Beverley.

**Venereal Disease.** Clinics were held daily at the Clinic, Mill Street, Hull.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

**Child Welfare Clinic.** The Child Welfare Clinic continued to be held twice weekly in the Lord Roberts Road Clinic, and was well attended by mothers and children in the district.

The number of children who attended the Clinic and the number of attendances made by them during the year were as follows:-

Number of children who attended during the year and who were born in:-	
1958 - 61 .....	247
1962 .....	149
1963 .....	424
Total attendances .....	5,403
Average attendances per session .....	38

#### Relaxation Classes.

These classes continued to be held twice a week for expectant mothers in Beverley and District, and were well attended as the following figures show:-

No. of sessions held.	No. of new Attenders.	No. of individuals attending.	Total attendances made
77	79	104	618

# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	17	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	4	-	-
Total	79	23	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3			
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted  (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H. M. Inspector (4)   By H. M. Inspector (5)		
Ineffective drainags of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2			
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)					
Total	5	5			



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TABLE 1.  
SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT

Total No. of Inspections		Nature of Inspections	
Public Health Act, 1936	1792	Dwelling-houses: First Visits	990
		Revisits	295
		Disinfestation of Premises	
		and Bedding: First Visits	20
		Revisits	7
		Drainage Works: First Visits	188
		Revisits	101
		Common Lodging-houses:	51
		Offensive Trades	24
		Smoke and Dust Nuisances:	31
		Moveable Dwellings	85
			<u>1792</u>
Housing Act, 1936 .....	295	Dwelling-houses.....	<u>295</u>
Rent Act, 1957.....	31	Dwelling-houses.....	<u>31</u>
Water Supplies.....	13	Collection of Samples for	
		analysis	<u>13</u>
Clean Air Act, 1956.....	10	Inspections .....	<u>10</u>
Food & Drugs Act, 1955 ....	2236	Slaughterhouses (Meat	
		Inspection) .....	1381
		Food Preparing Premises ...	247
		Ice-cream Premises .....	51
		Unfit 'Other Food' .....	29
		Bakehouses .....	67
		Food Vehicles .....	105
		Retail Premises .....	260
		Food Stalls .....	96
			<u>2236</u>
Prevention of Damage by			
Pests Act, 1949 ..	938	Rodent Treatment .....	<u>938</u>
Petroleum (Consolidation)			
Act, 1928 .....	27	Storage of Petroleum .....	<u>27</u>
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958 ....	18	Slaughterhouses .....	<u>18</u>
GRAND TOTAL ...	<u>5360</u>		

# TABLE 11

## NOTICES SERVED

### Under Public Health and Housing Acts

Number of Preliminary Notices served.....	178
Number of Preliminary Notices complied with .....	163
Number of Statutory Notices served.....	7
Number of Statutory Notices Complied with:-	
(a) By Owners.....	2
(b) By Corporation in default.....	-

The Notices not complied with have been carried forward to the year 1964.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

#### Water Supply

13 Samples of the town's water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

#### Sanitary Accommodation

During the year the number of earth closets in the town was reduced to 23.

#### Common Lodging Houses

The two registered common lodging-houses in the Borough were visited 51 times during the year.

One of them was controlled satisfactorily but the other consistently fell short of bye-law standards due to unsatisfactory control exercised by the keeper.

### CARAVAN SITES ACT 1960

There were 6 caravan sites in the town registered during the year, 3 of which were occupied by travelling showmen. Of the 3 remaining sites 1 had a permitted maximum number of 7 caravans, one of 3 vans and one of 1 van. In implementation of the Council's policy the number of vans on the large site was consistently reduced and no vans remained on the site at the end of the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Meat and other Foods

TABLE 111

Summary of all Meat Inspected and Condemned 1962.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	2,337	7	5,354	525
Number Inspected	2,337	7	5,354	525
<u>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned			1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1		4	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci		Not Recorded		
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned		NIL		
Number of animals affected with localised tuberculosis	2			1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.08%			.19%
<u>Cysticercus</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned				
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration		NIL		
Generalised and total condemned				
<u>Offal Condemned</u>				
Heads and tongues	2			1
Livers	98		2	
Lungs	8			1
Kidneys	8			
Hearts	1			1
Spleens	1			
Stomachs	1			
Intestines	3			

## TABLE IV

### Other Food Inspected and Condemned

	lbs.
Meat and Meat Products .....	174
Milk and Milk Products .....	11
Fruit and Vegetables .....	153
Fish .....	12
Cereals .....	47
Other Items .....	25
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### Ice-cream

15 samples of ice-cream were submitted for bacteriological examination, 1 of which was found to be unsatisfactory.

11 samples of water lollies were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Routine work under this Act was carried out systematically during the year by the Rodent Operator. Treatments were given to 45 Business premises, 3 Local Authority premises and 106 dwelling-houses in the town, and at all these premises an estimated number of 825 rats were killed.

The number of visits made to the various premises for carrying out these treatments were 938, but in addition to this, further time was spent in survey work in the town generally.

## PETROLEUM ACTS AND ORDERS

At the end of the year, 36 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 1 to store carbide of calcium.







